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Re Application of: Sally A. Leong et al.

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**For: CULTIVAR SPECIFICITY GENE FROM THE RICE PATHOGEN  
MAGNAPORTHE GRISEA, AND METHODS OF USE**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated May 30, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**In the claims:**

Please enter the following amended claims.

1. (Twice amended) An isolated nucleic acid molecule from *Magnaporthe grisea* comprising a segment of chromosome 1 approximately 1 kb in size and containing at least one open reading frame, the segment conferring rice cultivar CO39-specific avirulence to fungal plant pathogens that